

# CARPENTIER'S WAR HONORS GREATER THAN RING FAME

Decorated for Bravery Three Times, the Third Being With the Military Medal, the Most Treasured Ever Given to Any Frenchman—Beginning Pugilistic Career at Thirteen, a Bantam, He Has Since Defeated England's Best in All Classes and Earned Half a Million.

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## R. Edgren's COLUMN



GEORGES CARPENTIER has just been decorated for the third time by the Government of France for conspicuously daring action on the battle line.

This third decoration, the military medal, is the highest war honor that can be given to any Frenchman. Carpentier earned it at the capture of the Douaumont fortress. He was one of six aviators sent out to fly low over the German trenches and batteries to direct by signal the fire of the attacking French artillery. The success of that action—the recapture in a few hours of a powerful fortified position that had been taken by the Germans only after several months of desperate fighting—was due in part to Georges Carpentier.

During the bombardment of the German position Carpentier flew over the enemy lines at a height of only 200 feet. He flew alone. As he sped over the Germans he signalled back their position to the French gunners. Down below thousands of rifles and machine guns crackled furiously.

The air was split by screaming bullets looking for Carpentier. From behind the lines the German guns were lowered to cover him and bursting shells filled the air with shrapnel. But looking back he could see the French shells crashing into the trenches and the gun emplacements. Until his work was done he signalled back and forth over the enemy. When he turned at last and fled for the French lines the wooden frame of his plane was splintered by bullets and its oil tank wings were riddled with ragged holes where bullets and shrapnel had gone through. But no bullet touched Carpentier. In battle, as in the ring, he seemed the favorite of the gods.

For that feat Carpentier was given the military medal. He earned it. Incidentally, he was three times mentioned in the order of the day.

The first time, Sept. 18, 1915, when he was first decorated, this was the official commendation:

"Georges Carpentier, aviator, of great courage, never returns until his mission has been accomplished and frequently not until his equipment is damaged by projectiles. He does not hesitate to fly over the enemy's positions at a very low height to direct effectively the fire of our artillery."

FIGHTING IS A "GAME" TO CARPENTIER.

A few days ago Carpentier, interviewed at the front, looking like a fighter in the air, like boxing, was a game that interested him. He feels no more fear with shells bursting around and machine gun bullets clipping through his plane than he did in the ring.

"For," so said Carpentier (with a shrug of the shoulders I imagine), "it is all in the game. My career has been as full of action as his old career in the ring. When the war broke out he was in the first mobilization, although then only twenty years of age. At first he was detailed as driver of an officer's motor car, for he was known as an expert mechanic and a daring driver. He drove one of his own machines, given to the Government.

There was a story that the French people were "saving" Carpentier, keeping him out of danger as much as possible, because of his great popularity and desire to have him on boxing after the war. But if any one had such a thought it was Georges. Not content with driving a car, he occasionally accepted around the ring lines a despatch board, he asked to be transferred to the aviation corps. Here he soon learned to fly, and at first was engaged in taking messages to the front. But he got and most daring work has been in scouting for enemy guns and directing the French fire—a thing that can't be done at a great height in comparative safety from bullets.

It will be impossible to measure the popularity of Carpentier among the French people if he survives the war. He spends his spare time now in training, and says that he expects to go back to the ring and challenge Willard to fight him for the world's heavyweight championship. In France boxing is considered an honorable profession—especially honorable for a champion.

Carpentier was born Jan. 12, 1894, at Lens. His father and mother are still there, civilians imprisoned behind the German lines. The Germans are working Carpentier's coal-mining properties.

A FIGHTER SINCE HE WAS THIRTEEN.

Georges began boxing when he was only thirteen years old. In 1907, boxing was just coming into popularity in France. In a short time he won a Bantam title. He was a tall, thin, handsome boy, quiet, modest and friendly. In the ring he was remarkably skillful, but as furiously aggressive as a Terry McGovern.

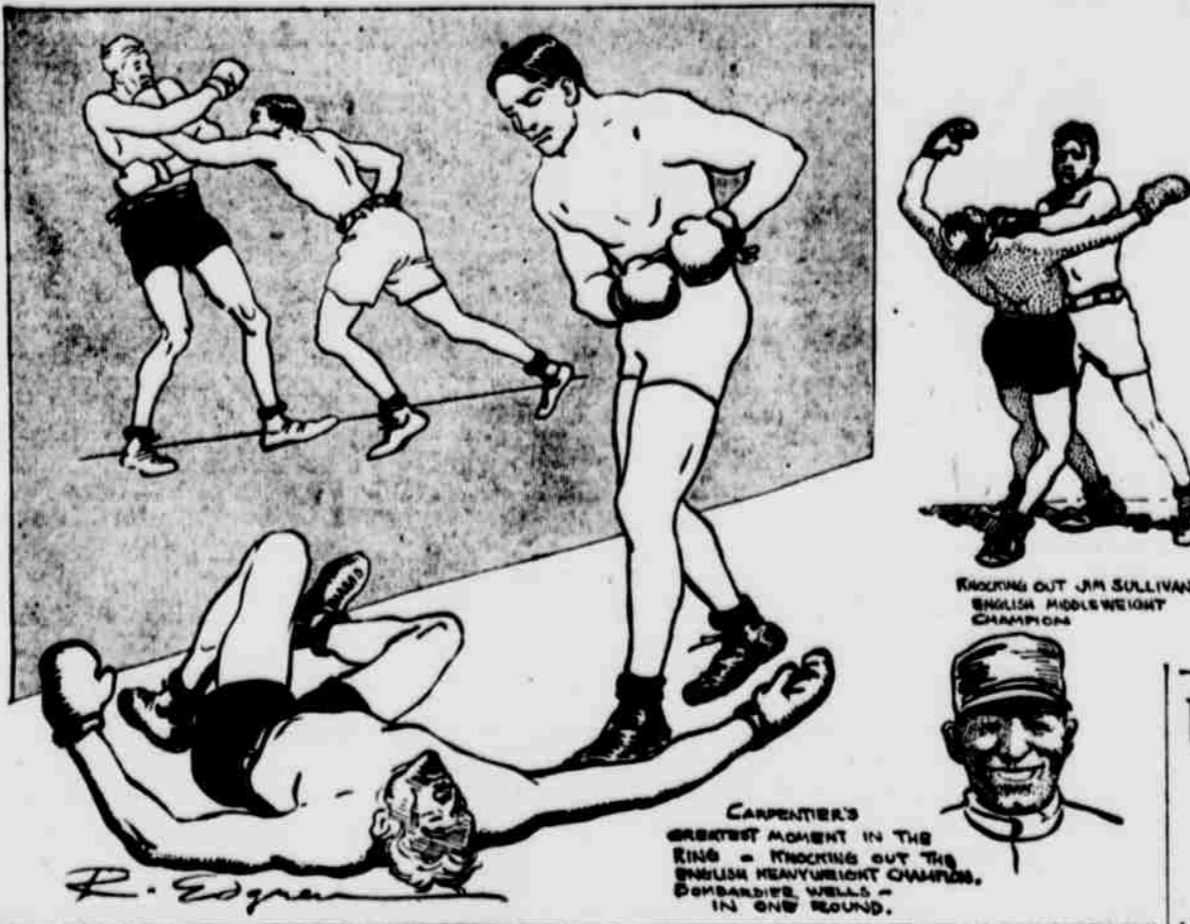
To show how Carpentier grew while he was fighting, in 1909 he fought Charles Ledoux and won the division in fifteen rounds. Ledoux was the wonderful French bantamweight champion who visited America just before the war, and who has since been killed in battle.

A couple of years after that Carpentier began knocking out English champions. He defeated Jack Goldswain, Liverpool, and Young Joseph, winning the welterweight title. In Paris he fought Harry Lewis, one of the best American middleweights, and won in twenty rounds. In 1912 he scored his first great sensation by knocking out Jim Sullivan, English middleweight champion, in two

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## GEORGES CARPENTIER, THE "IDOL OF FRANCE"

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CARPENTIER'S GREATEST SUCCESS IN THE RING—KNOCKING OUT THE ENGLISH HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, DONALD WELLS, IN ONE ROUND.

## Player Limit Question and World's Series

### Big Subjects at Coming League Meeting

New York Club Will Lead Fight for Larger Club Limit—Plan Formulated to Distribute Receipts of Championship Games Among Every Club in Both Circuits.

By Bozeman Bulger.

IN the midst of his preparation for the all-important winter meeting of the National League, beginning Tuesday, Gov. Tener took occasion to declare that he did not expect the least bit of trouble with the Players' Fraternity over contracts for 1917.

"These contracts are intended to be legal, equitable and generous," he said last night. "And, personally, I do not believe the players will object to them. As to the smaller differences that have arisen, I would prefer not to anticipate any action on the part of the club owners."

"The contracts, of course, will contain the reserve clause because intelligent men connected with the game have known for years that the reservation of players from one year to the next is the bulwark of the game. Without it the whole structure of baseball organization would crumble, and I think the players appreciate that as well as the owners. By destroying the reserve clause any one depending upon the sport for a living would simply pull the house down upon himself."

While Mr. Tener does not take the contract talk seriously, he admits that two very important matters will be discussed at this meeting. The Governor is very careful of speech, however, and would not even anticipate the fact that definite action would be taken.

These two subjects are a new arrangement for the World's Series and the question of a player limit. The National League has been severely criticized by its own members for limiting the clubs to twenty-one players, while the American League allows twenty-five men.

To give relief to a club that is in a bad way on account of injured athletes the limit rule provides that when a player is injured he can be taken off the active list and another player substituted so as to keep the limit up to twenty-one. That rule has not been so profitable as it sounds and there is certain to be a change.

The New York Club will lead the fight for larger limits and in doing so Manager McGraw and Mr. Hempstead declare that they are not doing it for the benefit of the Giants so much as for the other clubs and for the future of the league. The Giants are now in a position where they could stand on a twenty-one limit for two or three years, but that condition will not be permanent. McGraw and Hempstead are looking to the future.

There is no doubt that a new arrangement will be made about the World's Series. The National League will agree on a plan with the American League, and from the two a joint committee will come to a definite understanding.

The best plan so far suggested is one worked out by Gov. Tener and Garry Herrmann. It sounds ideal. Instead of paying such large sums to individual players, the third \$100,000 to get in a World's Series, it is proposed that a percentage of the receipts be distributed among all the clubs of the league, according to their standing in the race at the finish.



WALTER HAGEN, THE ROCHESTER COUNTRY'S PREMIER GOLFER, SEASON'S RECORDS SHOW

If a Series on Links Between the Six Star Amateurs and Professionals Were Staged, Former National Champion Would Be Popular Favorite.

By William Abbott.

WALTER HAGEN, the Rochester pro, would undoubtedly be a world series contender if a world series could be played between the six amateurs and professionals who made the best records on the links this year. This would be the only definite way of proving who is the leading golfer. Could this meeting be arranged, Hagen, because of his fine game and fighting temperament, would be the popular favorite.

Figuring solely on the 1916 records, Evans, who won both national titles, would be entitled to No. 1 position, but it is the opinion of many tournament players that the sensational Chick would fall if he got mixed up in a medal and match play tournament with Jerry Travers, Oswald Kirkby and the three pros, Walter Hagen, Jim Barnes and Jack Hutchinson, who made the best showing in their division.

Hagen would be considered first on his wonderful ability to play best when the opposition was keenest. Any golfer above the average knows how to play an early setback, he finally beat both Barnes and Hoffman when the struggle narrowed down to a case of games.

Hagen's nerve and gameness is his great intangible asset; his ability with the clubs is well known. His long driving is surely the equal of Hagen's. Kirkby, who is best of the pros, Hagen like most other pros, is a wizard with the irons, especially a short mashie pitch that has won him many matches. Hagen on the greens is consistently good, a putter of the Travers and Oulmet type. And putting is something most pros, even the celebrated Vardon, could improve. In a thorough test of golf Hagen is undoubtedly best qualified to win the season's leading honors.

Chick Evans is the most brilliant amateur on American links, but the Chicago marvel is not the kind of player you'd like to wager on in a big match. He'll either be very sensational or exceedingly punk. He lacks the steadiness that features Hagen's game. It is true Evans captured both national titles this year, the first time both championships went to an amateur, but in neither event did Chick encounter the top-notch stars.

Evans, after winning the amateur title at Merion, became miffed because critics remarked about his weak opposition, and issued a challenge to Travers and Oulmet, who had been unable to participate at Merion. The spectacle of Evans, Travers and Oulmet engaging in a match induced many New York players to predict that the temperamental Chick would finish third in such a match.

Evans has two faults, weak putting and unsteadiness. Otherwise his golf is perfect. Then there remains "Long Jim" Barnes, who wallops a terrifically far ball off the tee. Barnes is probably the best equipped to give Hagen or any one else a tough argument for any kind of link supremacy. This covering English pro is long off the tee, approaches the hole with a putt above the average. And "Long Jim" is generally as steady as a clock. Yet Hagen has usually been able to outplay Barnes whenever the two met in a tournament.

Jack Hutchinson of Pittsburgh finished third in the season's rating of professionals. Hutchinson and Gil Nichols are the most capable of the foreign pros who came over years ago. Jack did better than Gil this season and deserves his place in our imaginary world series. Hutchinson is so reported by the Jersey State and Metropolitan championships. While Kirkby is a finished golfer, he is handicapped through failure to play frequently, and this could militate against his being world champion in any big tournament.

Francis Oulmet would really earn the right to compete in any test of skill, but the Frenchman's play is not so good as his reputation. He is not so good as his reputation. He is not so good as his reputation. He is not so good as his reputation.

Starting last Wednesday, Worth Mitten left Davenport, Iowa, on a bicycle for New York to compete in the "six-day" race at the Garden, arriving in Lima, O., yesterday. Mitten stated in a letter to Manager Chapman that he expects to be here next week in the best possible condition for the season's leading honors. He encountered heavy winds on his journey, but he is in excellent condition and looks to be in the best of his health.

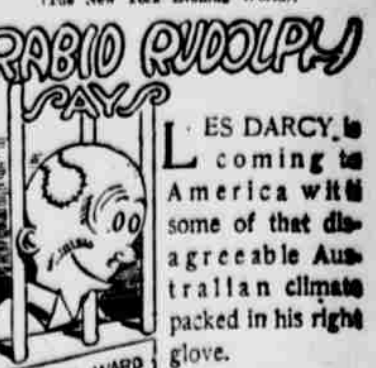
In the second game of the amateur championship, which took place at Doyle's Forty-second street billiard room last night, Harry Davies defeated Charles H. Hays by a score of 27 to 21 in thirty-eight innings. The winner's best breaks were a 38, 26 and 20. Davies' best effort was a 27, 19 and 18. To-night Mr. Hays played Soloman. In the handicap pocket billiard match, which took place at Doyle's last night, Davies defeated Hays by a score of 27 to 21 in thirty-eight innings. Davies' best break was a 38, 26 and 20. Hays' best effort was a 27, 19 and 18.

The watermen of Columbia University scored a double victory last night over the Intercollegiate championship tournament. In the latter part of the season, the water polo team of Columbia defeated the team of Princeton by a score of 30 to 2. The team of Columbia also defeated the team of Princeton by a score of 30 to 2. The team of Columbia also defeated the team of Princeton by a score of 30 to 2.

## PUTTING 'EM OVER

### With "Bugs" Baer

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September standings of the clubs indicate that some teams go so far south in the spring that they keep the habit all summer.

LET'S GO!

One way for a college to develop good printers is to teach 'em boxing. Easiest thing in the world to do is to miss your train by a minute. Next easiest thing to do is to forget to mail a letter.

YOU SAID IT.

Helping the French sufferers by donating \$50,000 to the American Red Cross, you could help a starving man by buying a beef stew and eating it for him.

Now that the All-American team is picked, let the European war go on where it was interrupted.

Bill Donovan says the Yanks will have an ideal training camp and clubhouse at Merion this spring. Now, all Bill needs is a team.

SHAKE 'EM UP!

Jess will soon be too heavy for the heavyweight class.

Brooklyn team just decided whether to travel at Daytona or St. Petersburg, but what difference does it make when the team is a sack of water?

WA-HOO!

It will require a keen fudge to decide whether a ball player who injures himself during the season should be paid the same as a disabled player who breaks his leg rushing into the dining room to get the same salary as one who bumps his head while on the base lines.

Should the player who injures his elbow putting himself on the back be rewarded as richly as the athlete who stops one of Walter's birds with a knife while scolding pie, should he be remunerated as extensively as the player who gets spiked by a Chicago pitcher?

Why should the player who hurts his eyes playing the snooker be paid the same as the athlete who stops one of Walter's birds with a knife while scolding pie, should he be remunerated as extensively as the player who gets spiked by a Chicago pitcher?

It's a tough thing to decide and should be referred to an impartial jury of twelve baseball players, with Dave Fultz as foreman.

## To Investigate Unsanctioned Tennis Meets

Legislation calculated to properly discipline the players received thoughtful consideration at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association yesterday. There was a new subject for deliberation, as Palmer E. Presbury of Boston had some interesting suggestions as to what action might be taken against players who competed in tournaments not sanctioned by the national governing body. George T. Adey, President of the association, appointed him as a committee to investigate the increasing number of tournaments held by clubs not members of the association.

There is the prospect that delegates at the annual meeting may be called upon to vote on an outlawing competitors over whom the jurisdiction who play in unsanctioned tournaments. From such information was forthcoming from the secret meeting of the Executive Committee, the offending tournaments were said to be conducted chiefly by summer residents in the New England States. The chief discussion of the proposed amateur rule centered on the prohibiting connection with the sporting goods business. Few are so apt to be taken in by the game as the annual meeting. Even Eastern clubs are not so unanimous as to their advisability.

The review of the ranking list, which is expected to issue tomorrow, the limiting of the entry for the national tournaments, the recommendations of the Ball Committee, and a proposition to clarify the service or foot fault rule consumed several hours of deliberation.

Among the executives were A. H. Hays, Edwin J. Torrey, Palmer E. Presbury, and L. H. Hays, Jr. The meeting was held at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, New York.

## Fistic News John Pollock and Gossip

Next Tuesday night at the Army Club of Boston Jim Buckley, manager of Gunboat Smith, wants to get in on this war business which was started by Tex Rickard's attempts to get Georges Carpentier over here to fight Jess Willard.

"The Gunner will fight Carpentier any old time," says James. "And we'll give our own old timers a chance to reflect the women and children of Dublin who suffered by the recent rebellion. The Gunner can beat Carpentier." Smith will have a fine chance to bear out his manager's confidence in his ability when he meets Frank Moran at the Clevermont Avenue rink in Brooklyn Dec. 18.

Back O'Kelly in his new capacity of matchmaker of the Clevermont Avenue rink is building up a program for Christmas afternoon. He should be matched Charles Wiley of Chicago to meet Walter Made, the Brooklyn lightweight, who has become known as the "hero among athletes" because of his victory over the champion, who has been known as the "hero among athletes" because of his victory over the champion.

Scotty Monthie has assumed the management of Jim Lynch, the promising new side burner. Lynch was going great guns until he was hit by a right hander who received mention of a setback. He is only an eighteen-year-old youngster, who has been known as the "hero among athletes" because of his victory over the champion.

At the Clevermont Sporting Club tonight Homer Smith of Michigan and Ed Kider of Harrison took the star bout. The second bout will go to Mike Padden of St. Paul against Joe Chasidy of the west side. The second bout will go to Homer Hottelmann of Red Hook against Harold Parnes of Newark.

The latest word from Paris is to the effect that Georges Carpentier has received no definite offer of a bout from any one in the United States. He says he is willing to come to New York to fight provided he is given a full fight, and that a portion of the money he would receive would be given to the French Red Cross or some other worthy cause. It is reported that he is in good physical condition.

At the Paramount A. C. last Saturday night Jack Starnes of the west side and Billy Pitt of Harrison took the star bout. The second bout will go to Mike Padden of St. Paul against Joe Chasidy of the west side. The second bout will go to Homer Hottelmann of Red Hook against Harold Parnes of Newark.

Tex Kelly declares he will be in great form for his bout with Dave Gibson at the House Point Club next Tuesday night. The other two bouts will be fought between Harry Nelson, a Westchester lightweight, and Irving Margolin, the ex-champion champion.

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## News of Sports Told in Shorts

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 8.—Flies by the wholesale were inflicted by the National Baseball Commission here yesterday on major league players who took part in various exhibition games following the close of the season of 1916. Fifty-five players from thirteen of the sixteen major league teams were fined in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$100. The commission was lenient, however, to an extent, and suspended the fines on thirty-eight players, allowing only thirteen fines to stand. The men who must pay are: Hendrickson, J. Hays, Shorten, Hobbs, Lewis, McNally, Scott, Cady, Ruth, and Barry of the world's champion Boston American League team; Ty Cobb and Davis of the Philadelphia Athletics. All of these were fined \$100 except Cobb, who was fined \$50.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 8.—After the election of Thomas J. Hays as President of the American Association took action at the annual meeting yesterday, which practically assures a series of interleague games with the International League. The question of a third major league American Association and four international league clubs was discussed automatically, said Hays, but he stated that the magnates did not take the proposed league seriously.

Jimmy Henigan of the Dorchester club of Boston and Junior national cross country champion will run the race for the senior national Amateur Athletic Union cross country title at Van Cortlandt Park this afternoon. Henigan's entry for the big race has been an off-again, on-again, Fincksen proposition for a week.

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Welling Wins From Bloom. NEW HAVEN, Dec. 8.—Joe Welling, Jimmy Henigan's candidate for light-weight championship honors, put it all over Phil Bloom in a fifteen-round decision. Bloom was much marked up leaving the ring.

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